

APPENDIX W

PUBLIC NOTICES AND MEDIA

IX. Tour of the Louisville Manufactured Housing Show 2016.

Dated: December 22, 2015.

Teresa Baker Payne,
*Deputy Administrator, Office of
 Manufactured Housing Programs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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**Indian Gaming; Tribal-State Class III
 Gaming Compacts Taking Effect in the
 State of New Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Pueblo of Nambe and State of New Mexico entered into a Tribal-State compact governing Class III gaming; this notice announces that the compact is taking effect.

DATES: The compact if effective on December 29, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) requires the Secretary of the Interior to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of approved Tribal-State compacts that are for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* Public Law 100–497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.* All Tribal-State Class III compacts are subject to review and approval by the Secretary under 25 CFR 293.4. The Secretary took no action on the Pueblo of Nambe—State of New Mexico compact within 45 days of its submission. Therefore, the compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

Dated: December 18, 2015.

Kevin K. Washburn,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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**Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 for the Proposed Wilton Rancheria
 Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project,
 Sacramento County, California**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the Wilton Rancheria (Tribe), City of Galt (City), Sacramento County (County), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) serving as cooperating agencies, intends to file a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) with the EPA for the Wilton Rancheria fee-to-trust and casino project, Sacramento County, California. This notice announces that the DEIS is now available for public review and that a public hearing will be held to receive comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS must arrive by February 12, 2016. The date of the public hearing will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in local newspapers (Galt Herald and Sacramento Bee) and online at <http://www.wiltoneis.com>.

ADDRESSES: The DEIS is available for public review at the Galt Branch of the Sacramento Public Library, 1000 Caroline Ave., Galt, California 95632. You may mail or hand-deliver written comments to Ms. Amy Dutschke, Pacific Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. You may also submit comments through email to Mr. John Rydzik, Chief, Division of Environmental, Cultural Resource Management and Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, at john.rydzik@bia.gov.

The location of the public hearing will be announced at least 15 days in advance through a notice to be published in local newspapers (Galt Herald and Sacramento Bee) and online at <http://www.wiltoneis.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. John Rydzik, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978–6051, john.rydzik@bia.gov. Information is also available online at <http://www.wiltoneis.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review of the DEIS is part of the

administrative process for the evaluation of the Tribe's application to BIA for the Federal trust acquisition of approximately 282 acres in Sacramento County, California. The Tribe proposes to construct a casino/hotel/resort on the property. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Sacramento Bee, the Galt Herald, and **Federal Register** on December 4, 2013. The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on December 19, 2013, at the Chabolla Community Center in Galt, California. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.10), the publication of this Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** initiates a 45-day public comment period on the DEIS.

Background

The Tribe has requested that BIA take into trust 282 acres of land (known as the Twin Cities site) currently held in fee, on which the Tribe proposed to construct a casino, hotel, parking area, and other ancillary facilities (Proposed Project). The proposed fee-to-trust property is located within the City of Galt Sphere of Influence Area in unincorporated Sacramento County, California, north of Twin Cities Road between State Highway 99 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. The Proposed Project would contain 110,260 square-feet (sf) of gaming floor area, a 12-story hotel with 302 guest rooms, a 360-seat buffet, 60-seat pool grill, other food and beverage providers, a 2,600 sf retail area, a fitness center, spa, and an approximately 48,000 sf convention center. Access to the Twin Cities site would be provided via an improved Mingo Road interchange on Highway 99. The following alternatives are considered in the DEIS:

- Alternative A—Proposed Twin Cities Casino Resort
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- Alternative C—Retail on the Twin Cities Site
- Alternative D—Casino Resort at Historic Rancheria Site
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Environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include geology and soils, water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions (including environmental justice), transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous

materials, aesthetics, cumulative effects, and indirect and growth inducing effects.

Directions for Submitting Comments: Please include your name, return address, and the caption: "DEIS Comments, Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project," on the first page of your written comments. If emailing comments, please use "DEIS Comments, Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project" as the subject of your email.

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Public Comment Availability: Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review during regular business hours at the BIA mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: This notice is published pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: December 18, 2015.

Kevin K. Washburn,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Proclaiming Certain Lands as Reservation for the Tonto Apache Tribe of Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of reservation
proclamation.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs proclaimed approximately 292.77 acres, more or less, an addition to the reservation of the Tonto Apache Indian Tribe of Arizona on December 21, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sharlene Round Face, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Real Estate Services, 1849 C Street NW., MS-4642-MIB, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 208-3615.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

A proclamation was issued according to the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984; 25 U.S.C. 467), for the land described below. The land was proclaimed to be part of the Tonto Apache Indian Reservation of the Tonto Apache Tribe, Town of Payson, Gila County and State of Arizona.

Tonto Apache Indian Reservation Legal Description Containing 292.77 Acres, More or Less

Parcel No. 1

Government Lots 4 and 6 and the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 9; the Southwest quarter and the West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 10, all in Township 10 North, Range 10 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Gila County, Arizona, consisting of 272.77 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 2

A parcel of land being the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 10 North, Range 10 East of the Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Gila County, Arizona, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast

quarter being identical to A.P. No. 2 of Tract 37 of said Section 9;

Thence South 00°02'36" West, 1,323.57 feet to the Southeast corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter being identical to A.P. No. 3 of Tract 37 of said Section 9;

Thence North 89°50'15" West, 659.35 feet to the Southwest corner of the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 9;

Thence North 00°04'46" West, 1,323.05 feet to the Northwest corner of the East half of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of said Section 9;

Thence South 89°53'00" East, 658.51 feet to the true point of beginning, consisting of 20 acres, more or less.

The above described lands contain a total of 292.77 acres, more or less, which are subject to all valid rights, reservations, rights-of-way, and easements of record.

This proclamation does not affect title to the lands described above, nor does it affect any valid existing easements for public roads, highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines or any other valid easements or rights-of-way or reservations of record.

Dated: December 17, 2015.

Kevin K. Washburn,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

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Number 1093-0007]

Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Tribal Expression of Interest to the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program), Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comments on the provisions thereof.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by *February 29, 2016*

displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers for certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

Abstract: This information collection request is designed to enable the EPA to provide notice to foreign purchasers of unregistered pesticides exported from the United States that the pesticide product cannot be sold in the United States. Section 17(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires an exporter of any pesticide not registered under FIFRA section 3 or sold under FIFRA section 6(a)(1) to obtain a signed statement from the foreign purchaser acknowledging that the purchaser is aware that the pesticide is not registered for use in, and cannot be sold in, the United States. A copy of this FPAS must be transmitted to an appropriate official of the government in the importing country. This information is submitted in the form of annual or per-shipment statements to the EPA, which maintains original records and transmits copies thereof to appropriate government officials of the countries which are importing the pesticide. This information collection request also includes the burden imposed by export labeling requirements, which meet the definition of third-party disclosure. In addition to the export notification for unregistered pesticides, FIFRA requires that all pesticides include appropriate labeling. There are different requirements for registered and unregistered products. This information collection has been constant since the implementation of the 1993 pesticide export policy governing the export of pesticides, devices, and active ingredients used in producing pesticides.

Respondents/Affected Entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR are individuals or entities that produce and export pesticides.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 50.

Frequency of response: Annual or on occasion.

Estimated total burden: 17,993 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

Estimated total costs: \$ 1,224,655 (per year), includes no annualized capital investment or maintenance and operational costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is a decrease of 6,477 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared

with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB. This decrease reflects EPA's updating of burden estimates for this collection based upon historical information on the number of responses per year. Based upon revised estimates, the number of exported products has decreased from 3,600 to 2,411, with a corresponding decrease in the associated burden. This change is an adjustment.

Courtney Kerwin,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9024-9]

Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 01/04/2016 through 01/08/2016 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-nepa-public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20160000, Draft, BIA, CA., Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/29/2016, Contact: John Rydzik 916-978-6051.

EIS No. 20160001, Final, FHWA, CO, I- 70 East Project, Review Period Ends: 02/16/2016, Contact: Chris Horn, P.E. 720-963-3017.

EIS No. 20160002, Final, USACE, CT, Programmatic—Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management Plan, Review Period Ends: 02/16/2016, Contact: Meghan Quinn 978-318-8179.

EIS No. 20160003, Final, NOAA, FL, Red Snapper Allocation Amendment 28 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico, Review Period Ends: 02/16/2016, Contact: Roy E. Crabtree 727-824-5301.

EIS No. 20160004, Final Supplement, GSA, VA, Federal Bureau of Investigation Central Records Complex, Review Period Ends:

02/16/2016, Contact: Courtenay Hoernemann 215-446-4710.

EIS No. 20160005, Draft, BR, NPS, AZ, Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 04/07/2016, Contact: Beverley Heffernan 801-524-3712 The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation and the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service are joint lead agencies for this project.

EIS No. 20160006, Final, USFS, ID, Johnson Bar Fire Salvage Project, Review Period Ends: 02/16/2016, Contact: Sheila Lehman 208-935-4256.

EIS No. 20160007, Draft, USFS, CA, Elk Late-Successional Reserve Enhancement Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/29/2016, Contact: Cindy Diaz 530-926-9647.

EIS No. 20160008, Draft, USFS, WY, Bear Lodge Project, Comment Period Ends: 02/29/2016, Contact: Jeanette Timm 307-283-1361.

EIS No. 20160009, Final Supplement, USFS, OR, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Invasive Plants Treatment Project, Review Period Ends: 02/16/2016, Contact: Gene Yates 541-523-1290.

EIS No. 20160010, Final, FHWA, UT, 1800 North (SR-37) Project, Contact: Paul Ziman 801-955-3525 Under MAP-21 Section 1319, FHWA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20150322, Draft Supplement, USFS, CO, Rulemaking for Colorado Roadless Areas, Comment Period Ends: 01/15/2016, Contact: Ken Tu 303-275-5156 Revision to FR Notice Published 11/20/2015; Extending the Comment Period from 01/04/2016 to 01/15/2016.

EIS No. 20150338, Draft, BLM, NM, Copper Flat Copper Mine, Comment Period Ends: 03/04/2016, Contact: Doug Haywood 575-525-4498 Revision to FR Notice Published 12/04/2015; Extending Comment Period from 01/19/2016 to 03/04/2016.

Dated: January 12, 2016.

Dawn Roberts,

Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION
(C.C.P. 2015.5)

COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interest in the above entitled matter. I am the printer and principal clerk of the publisher of The Sacramento Bee, printed and published in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, daily, for which said newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento, State of California, under the date of September 26, 1994, Action No. 379071; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each issue thereof and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

DECEMBER 28, 2015

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Sacramento, California, on **DECEMBER 28, 2015**

(Signature)

NO 470 PUBLIC NOTICE

(4337-15-P)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[187 A2100DD / AAK0001030. / AO501010.999900]

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and a Draft Conformity Determination for the Proposed Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Sacramento County, California

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DATES: Comments on the DEIS or DCD must arrive by Thursday, February 11, 2016. The public hearing will be held at the Chabolla Community Center, in Galt, California on Friday, January 29, 2016.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rydzik, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-6061, john.rydzik@bia.gov. Information is also available online at <http://www.wiltonia.com>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review of the DEIS is part of the administrative process for the evaluation of the Tribe's application to the BIA for the Federal trust acquisition of approximately 282 acres in Sacramento County, California. The Tribe proposes to construct a hotel/resort on the trust property after the trust acquisition. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Sacramento Bee, the Galt Herald, and Federal Register on December 4, 2013. The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on December 19, 2013, at the Chabolla Community Center in Galt, California. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.10), the publication of this Notice of Availability in the Federal Register initiates a 45-day public comment period on the DEIS.

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The Clean Air Act requires Federal agencies to ensure that their actions conform to applicable implementation plans for achieving and maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for criteria air pollutants. The BIA has prepared a DCD for the proposed action/project described above. The DCD is included in Appendix T of the DEIS.

Directions for Submitting Comments: Please include your name, return address, and the caption: "DEIS Comments, Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project," on the first page of your written comments. If emailing comments, please use "DEIS Comments, Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project" as the subject of your email.

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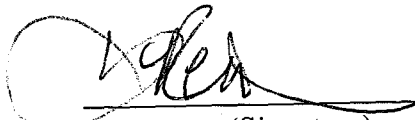
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(C.C.P. 2015.5)**

**COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO
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(Signature)

NO 472 PUBLIC NOTICE (4337-15-P)

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AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability

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DATES: Comments on the DEIS or DCD must arrive by Friday, February 12, 2016. The public hearing will be held at the Chabolla Community Center in Galt, California on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 6pm until the last public comment is received.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rydzik, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pacific Regional Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-6051, john.rydzik@bia.gov. Supplementary information is also available online at <http://www.wiltonetis.com>, the Federal Register notice published on December 29, 2015, which is available online at www.federalregister.gov, and the previous notice published in the December 28, 2015 issue of the Sacramento Bee.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public review of the DEIS is part of the administrative process for the evaluation of the Tribe's application to the BIA for the Federal trust acquisition of approximately 282 acres in Sacramento County, California. The Tribe proposes to construct a hotel/resort on the trust property after the trust acquisition. A Notice of Intent (NOI) was published in the Sacramento Bee, the Galt Herald, and *Federal Register* on December 4, 2013. The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on December 19, 2013, at the Chabolla Community Center in Galt, California. Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1506.10), the publication of this Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register* initiates a 45-day public comment period on the DEIS.

Background

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AUTHORITY: This notice is published pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, et seq.), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8. This notice is also published in accordance with 40 CFR 93.155, which provides reporting requirements for conformity determinations.

December 30, 2015

That affiant is and at all times hereinafter mentioned was a citizen of the United States, over the age of eighteen years and a resident of Elk Grove, California, and was at and during all said times the printer and publisher of THE GALT HERALD, a newspaper printed and published weekly, in Galt, County of Sacramento, State of California; that said newspaper is and was at all times herein mentioned, a newspaper of general circulation as that term is defined by Sections 6000 and 6001 of the Government Code of the State of California, and as provided by said sections is and was at all times herein mentioned published for the dissemination of local and telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character, having a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers, and is not and was not during all said times devoted to the interests or published for the entertainment or instruction of a particular class, profession, trade, calling, race or denomination, or for the entertainment and instruction of any number of such classes, professions, trades, callings, races or denominations; that at all said times said newspaper has been established, printed and published in said Sacramento County and State, at regular intervals for more than one year preceding the first publication of the NOTICE herein mentioned; that said NOTICE was set in type not smaller than nonpareil and was preceded with words printed in black face type not smaller than nonpareil describing and expressing in general terms the purport and character of the notice intended to be given; that the NOTICE in the above entitled matter, of which the annexed is a true printed copy, was published in said newspaper on the following dates, to wit:

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DAVID R. HERBURGER

THE GALT HERALD

Dated: DECEMBER 30, 2015

IN AND FOR THE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Indian Affairs
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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and a Draft Conformity Determination for the Proposed Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Sacramento County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of availability.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Draft Environmental Impact Statement and a Draft Conformity Determination for the Proposed Wilton Rancheria Fee-to-Trust and Casino Project, Sacramento County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Extension of Comment Period.

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January 15, 2016

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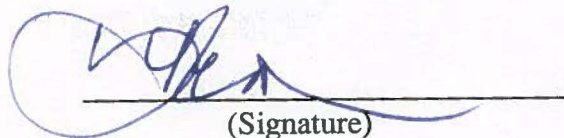
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JANUARY 20, 2016

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at Sacramento, California, on **JANUARY 20, 2016**


(Signature)

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS WILTON RANCHERIA FEE-TO-TRUST AND CASINO PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Summary

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Background Information

Public review of the DEIS and DCD is part of the administrative process for the evaluation of the Tribe's application to the BIA for the Federal trust acquisition of approximately 282 acres near the City of Galt in Sacramento County, California. The Tribe proposes to construct a casino resort on this property after the trust acquisition. The DEIS considers several alternatives to the Tribe's proposed trust acquisition and casino project, including reduced intensity gaming developments, non-gaming commercial developments, and other locations for acquiring trust property. The BIA held a public scoping meeting for the project on December 19, 2013, at the Chabolla Community Center.

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Comment Submission Instructions

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Study: Proposed Galt casino would dramatically reshape local landscape

Dec 28, 2015, 4:18pm PST **Updated** Dec 28, 2015, 4:30pm PST
INDUSTRIES & TAGS

A vast casino and hotel complex proposed north of Galt would dramatically change the local landscape, according to a new draft environmental impact study announced Monday.

The Wilton Resort project, proposed by the Wilton Rancheria tribe, would include 12 stories and 302 hotel rooms on 282 acres just north of Twin Cities Road near Highway 99. The complex would include 110,260 square feet of gaming with slot machines and table games, according to details listed in a public notice published this week.



The plans also call for a 2,900 square-foot retail area, fitness center, spa, and 48,000-square-foot convention center. That would make it one of the larger convention and gaming venues in the Sacramento region. In comparison, Thunder Valley Casino Resort north of Roseville is 17 stories with a capacity for 400 rooms.

The draft environmental study is part of Wilton Rancheria's proposal to the federal government to put the 282-acre parcel into a trust. The process would enable the tribe to convert the land into a sovereign domestic nation, giving the land tax-exempt status and opening the property to casino development.

Several local tribes have moved from poverty to self-sufficiency and even wealth by operating casinos, including the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation with its [Cache Creek Casino Resort](#) and the [United Auburn Indian Community](#) with Thunder Valley.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Wilton Rancheria are accepting public comments through Feb. 11 on the draft environmental study. A public hearing will also be held Jan. 29 in Galt.

A copy of the draft is available at the Galt branch of the Sacramento Public Library or from the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Pacific Regional Office in Sacramento. More information about the Wilton Rancheria project is also at www.wiltoneis.com.

Mark Anderson covers technology, agriculture, banking and finance, venture capital, energy, mining and hospitality for the Sacramento Business Journal.

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Wilton tribe seeks land for casino near Highway 99

Bid by Wilton Rancheria could lead to lavish casino and hotel resort near Galt

Development could rival Thunder Valley Casino and Resort for regional supremacy

Project likely years away, with approvals needed from governor, multiple agencies

BY PETER HECHT

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New casino, hotel talk of the town in Galt

Environmental report released Tuesday

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GALT, Calif. (KCRA) —A new casino, a new hotel and 18 months of construction are being planned for a rural area just west of Highway 99 near the small town of Galt.

A new environmental report released Tuesday shows plans for a mega-project north of Twin Cities Road, which is a battle over jobs, noise and traffic.

In Galt, which has a population of some 25,000 people, the casino and hotel are the talk of the town.

"I think it will be a good thing," said Jenna Duncan of Galt. "I think it will bring a lot of job opportunities to our small town."

The plan from the Wilton Rancheria tribe calls for transforming farmland north of Twin Cities Road into an Indian gaming casino with slot machines, tables games and a hotel that's 12-stories high.

"I think it's a good idea for the economy, jobs for young people, hopefully long-lasting jobs," Galt resident George Adaza said.

The Wilton Rancheria tribe is promising plenty of permanent jobs in the new casino.

"You have 2,000 jobs -- that's a huge economic driver for the community at large," tribal Chairman Raymond Hitchcock said.

Of the tribe's 700 members, 62 percent are currently living below federal poverty levels, according to the draft environmental impact study of the 282-acre site.

But not everyone wants a larger Galt. Some want to preserve the rural roots of the region, and they dread the impact of more traffic and tourism.

"Bad idea," said Galt resident Antonia Marroquin. "I don't agree. This is a quiet town and I want it to stay quiet."

The proposal is spelled out in a new [draft environmental impact study](#), just unveiled, some 716 pages in all.

For the next 45 days, it's the public's opportunity to comment. Some in Galt are already weighing in.

"I guess I don't see why not," said Jim Burnett. "If it brings jobs and helps the economy, I would say it's probably a good thing, you know, as long as it doesn't bring any riff raff."

"It could be a good thing," said Galt resident Andrew Rudnick. "But there's always drawbacks to everything."

The city of Galt has hired consultants to explore the deal in depth.

"You've got an increased tax base coming," Galt Mayor Mark Crews said.

Crews noted the added benefit of more jobs and increased business activity are "known positives."

But he cautioned: "I want to know what the balance is. I want to know what the negatives are if there are any."

When asked what those negatives might be, Crews said, "Traffic, potential crime, overgrowth -- the last thing we want to see is this community explode."

Crews told KCRA 3 that Galt favors "smart growth" and wants to work closely with the tribe to tackle any problems in advance of project approval.

If the Bureau of Indian Affairs gives the green light, the projected start date is January 2018 -- with a completion date of Fall 2019.

People who live in Galt will have a chance to voice their opinions in a public hearing set for Jan. 29, 2016 at the Chabolla Community Center.

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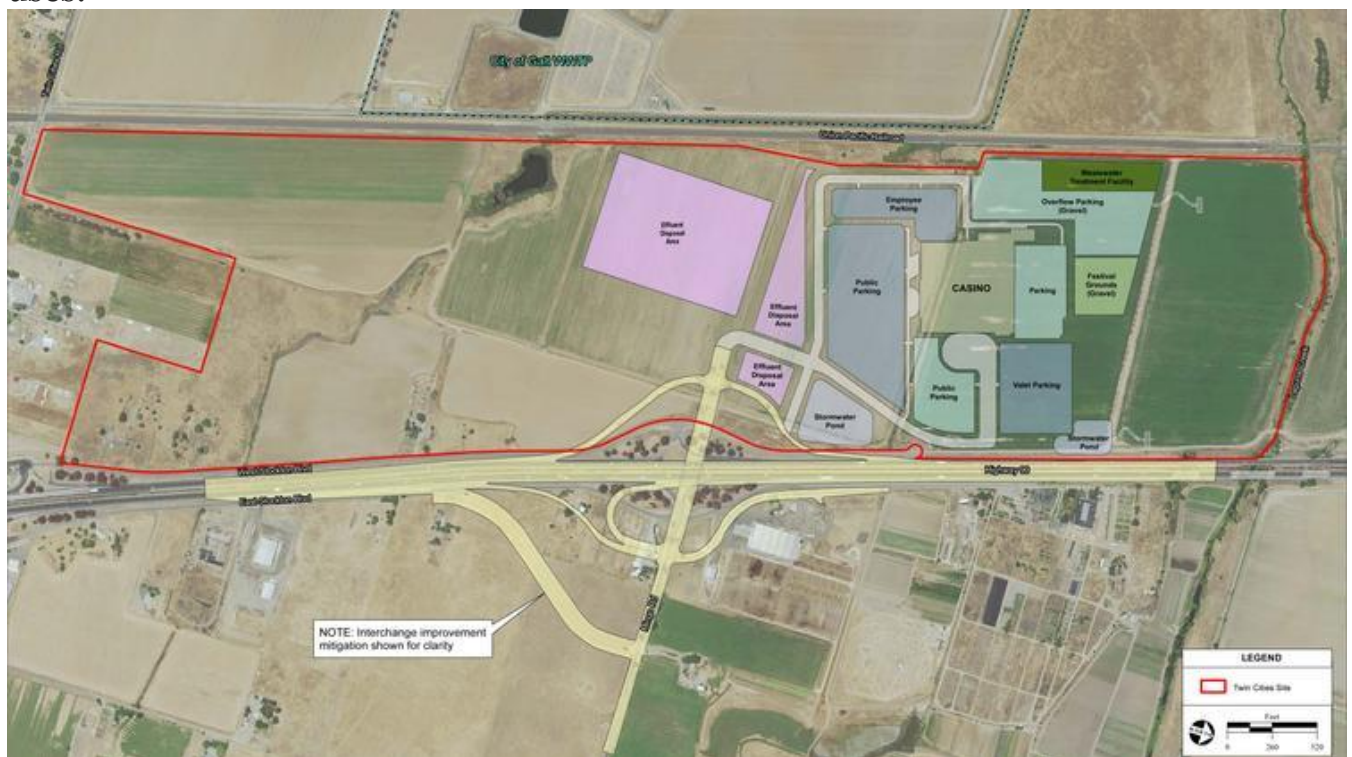
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Proposed Galt casino project would require new freeway interchange

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The draft environmental impact study released this week for the proposed Wilton Resort casino project north of Galt includes plans for a new freeway interchange — and several alternatives for how the project might take shape.

The study, released jointly by the Wilton Rancheria Miwok tribe and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, includes several alternative sites and alternative uses.



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and table games and a 12-story hotel with 302 rooms. It also would include a spa, fitness center, and one of the region's largest convention centers.

Alternative proposals include a smaller casino and hotel on the same site, or a large retail shopping center anchored by three or more big box stores.

Tribal leaders have been pursuing the Twin Cities Road land for years, but part of the federally required environmental process includes looking at alternative sites.

The tribe's first preferred alternative site is near its rancheria on Wilton Road by the Cosumnes River. That site is outside of Sacramento County's urban services boundary, meaning it's not served by county water, sewer or drainage services — and it's an area prone to floods. And access is an issue because the rancheria is currently reachable only by narrow country roads.

The next alternative site outlined in the draft environmental study is Elk Grove's unfinished mall at the northwest corner of Highway 99 and Kammerer Road. But that location also is problematic. Since federal officials started the environmental study process two years ago, a developer has pulled permits for a movie theater and outlet center at the mall's location.

The document lists other sites initially suggested by the tribe, but they were found to be in environmentally sensitive areas.

The 716-page draft document also details the casino's environmental impacts and suggested mitigations for each proposed site and alternative project format. Perhaps most significantly, building the large casino and 12-story hotel just north of Twin Cities Road would force the tribe to mitigate traffic by rebuilding an existing Highway 99 interchange at Mingo Road.

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Sacramento County Tribe Proposes New Casino Resort Near Galt

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GALT --

The only federal tribe in Sacramento County has big plans for the southern part of the county.

The plans are for a casino resort that, according to a newly released study, would greatly change the landscape of the area. The proposed site would be to the north of Galt, near Highway 99 just north of Twin Cities Road.

Right now, a great expanse of land next to Highway 99 is at a literal dead-end, with a sea of green grass and some unruly weeds.

But for Wilton Rancheria tribal members, the land holds great potential.

"We believe this project is going to be huge for you know, Sacramento County in general," Raymond Hitchcock, tribal chairman for Wilton Rancheria told FOX40.

Hitchcock said that an environmental impact statement, all 2,000 plus pages of it, details at length what kind of possible impact a casino would have on Sacramento County.

Wilton Rancheria tribe members said a casino and resort sitting on 282 acres near Galt could be a huge economic driver for the area.

"Up to 2,000 full-time jobs, that would be, you know, potentially available for a casino resort hotel project that we're proposing," Hitchcock said.

He added the revenue would help them pay for the tribe's educational, housing and health programs.

The mayor of Galt is just as optimistic.

"I think it's going to be a wonderful addition to the Galt community," Mayor Mark Crews said.

Crews understand there may be some apprehension, particularly with a potential rising crime rate and traffic congestion.

“This is new ground for us, and rather than going in blind, we want people to help us ... give us information that’s going to help us make proper decisions, that’s going to help us benefit our community,” Crews said.

The proposed casino is in its infancy. Within the next month, the community can check out the study for themselves.

There is a public comment hearing scheduled in Galt on January 29. The study is available here: <http://www.wiltoneis.com>

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Sacramento County tribe seeks land for casino near Highway 99

Bid by Wilton Rancheria could lead to lavish casino and hotel resort near Galt

Project likely years away, with approvals needed from governor, multiple agencies

North Fork tribe pursuing a similar Highway 99 project near Madera



North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians' vision: In this now 10-year-old artist rendering, the Madera County tribe shows the casino-hotel resort it hopes to build alongside Highway 99 just north of

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BY PETER HECHT

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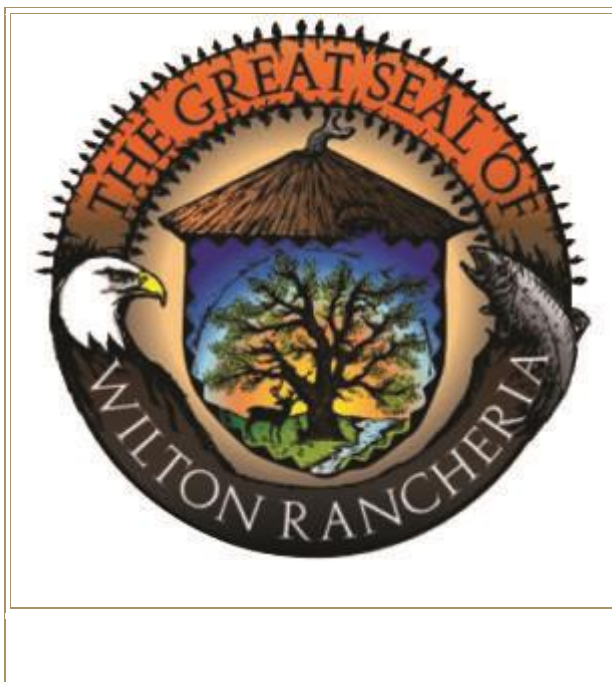
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Comment period opens for environmental aspects of potential casino



Public hearing scheduled for Jan. 29

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The public may comment on a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for a potential casino that could be located in Galt's sphere of influence just north of the city.

Wilton Rancheria officials seek to build a casino complex that includes 110,260 square feet of gaming floor area, a 12-story hotel with 302 guest rooms, a 360-seat buffet, a 60-seat pool grill, other food and beverage providers, a 2,600-square-foot retail area, a fitness center, spa, and a 48,000-square-foot convention center.

This draft EIS mentions three sites as possible locations for the casino. Tribe officials and the document indicate the preferred site is 282 acres bound by Twin Cities Road to the south, Highway 99 to the east, and the railroad tracks to the west.

Another site is the Historic Wilton Rancheria site on approximately 75 acres between Dillard Road and the Cosumnes River in Wilton.

The third site is just north of the proposed outlet mall in the southern portion of the city of Elk Grove.

All three sites are described in the document, which also notes that the tribe asked the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs to take the 282 acres north of Galt into trust. That would then remove the property from the Sacramento County rolls.

"It is a long, slow process, and this is just one more step to get land in the trust," said Tribal Chair Raymond Hitchcock.

A "notice of availability" on the draft EIS appeared in the Federal Register, which is the daily journal for the U.S. government, on Dec. 29. That kicked off the 45-day review period for the 712-page document available online at www.WiltonEIS.com.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs intends to file the draft EIS after the public comment period closes on Feb. 12. A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 29 in Galt.

Hitchcock said the 45-day comment period is an opportunity for the tribe and residents in Galt, Wilton or Elk Grove to comment on the process.

"The public hearing is a good opportunity for people to convey their message in a public forum on the aspects that the tribe is proposing," he said.

At a public scoping meeting on the environmental aspects in late 2013, Tonya Caldwell, who is still a member of the Wilton Rancheria's tribal council, said that the proposed casino presents a good opportunity for the tribe and Galt residents.

"When we found out that we could possibly have a casino project here in Galt, I personally became very excited," she said while addressing the crowd of nearly 60 people.

Caldwell said she grew up in Galt, where three generations of her family graduated from Galt High School.

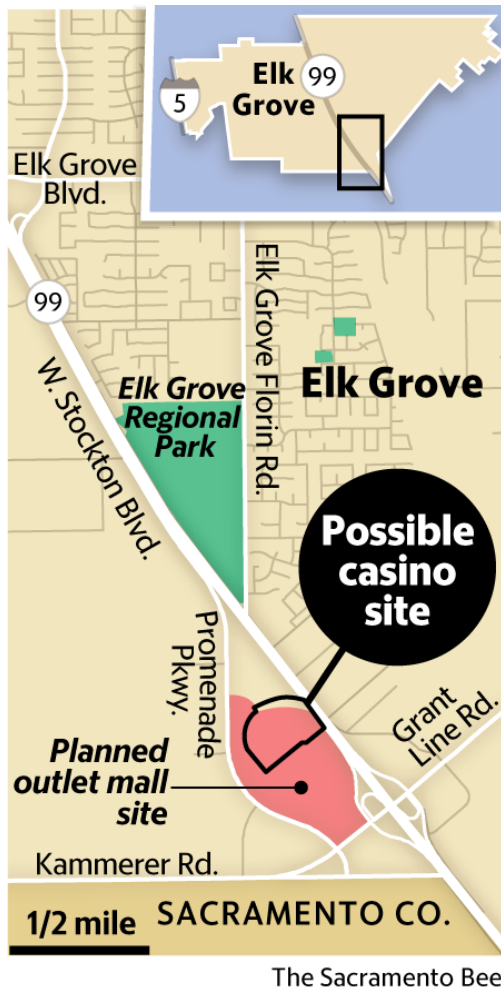
She mentioned working in Sonora, where she said Black Oak Casino made an impact in that community. The casino has produced revenue to build health and dental clinics, and Caldwell said students could get money from the tribe for projects.

"I've seen a lot of wonderful benefits that this casino has brought to that community," she said.

The 6 p.m. public hearing on Jan. 29 will be held at the Chabolla Community Center, 600 Chabolla Ave.

For more information on the draft EIS or the process, contact John Rydzik with the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (916) 978-6051 or john.rydzik@bia.gov.

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Tribal casino proposed at Elk Grove's 'ghost mall' site

Half-built mall could provide outlet shopping next to large casino resort

Wilton Rancheria also eyes farmland near Galt for gambling hall, hotel tower

Tribe's chairman: Elk Grove location might make more sense given existing zoning

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Elk Grove's "ghost mall" along Highway 99 has been an eyesore since construction stopped eight years ago in the midst of a deep recession. The news in 2014 that the half-built mall would become an outlet center, and last year's announcement of a planned 14-screen cineplex, buoyed residents' hopes that the site finally would be developed.

Now, a local tribe is seriously talking about building a casino resort – with a 12-story hotel tower, convention center, spa, restaurants and a 110,000-square-foot gambling floor – on 28 acres of the defunct mall site. The project could generate the equivalent of 1,750 full-time jobs and host up to 14,000 patrons per day, according to a detailed analysis prepared for the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs.

With shopping and movies next door, the casino resort would provide a Las Vegas-like experience amid the farmland of southern Sacramento County,

Raymond “Chuckie” Hitchcock, chairman of the Wilton Rancheria tribe, said at a community meeting Friday in Galt to discuss the proposed casino.

“Having that connection to it would be pretty unique,” Hitchcock said.

The small tribe lost federal recognition, and its 39 acres of land in Wilton, in 1964. It regained federal recognition in 2009, but “this did not erase the 45-year period during which the tribe experienced significant economic and governmental disadvantages,” the federal planning document said.

About 62 percent of the tribe’s families live below the federal poverty level and 45 percent of working-age members are unemployed, it said.

“The tribe was officially forgotten for 50 years,” Antonio Ruiz, Wilton Rancheria’s cultural resources officer, told federal officials at Friday’s meeting.

The proposed casino would be developed on newly purchased tribal property, which would be placed in trust as sovereign land immune from state or local regulation. The enterprise would help the tribe become self-sufficient, members said.

“It’s important for people to understand who the first people of this region were,” Joyce Dozier, a member of the Wilton Rancheria tribal council, told the approximately 200 people gathered at Friday’s meeting.

Tribal members, with the help of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, are intent on buying land along the busy Highway 99 corridor in southern Sacramento County. A primary focus of those efforts has been a 282-acre parcel of farmland north of Galt that is still under consideration.

The Elk Grove mall site only recently arose as one of the tribe’s main options after its owner, the Howard Hughes Corp., was willing to negotiate on price, Hitchcock said. With its commercial zoning and existing infrastructure, including roads and utilities, the mall site is an attractive option compared to the undeveloped farmland near Galt, the tribal chairman said.

“It’s a very viable alternative, for sure,” Hitchcock said.

Elk Grove Mayor Gary Davis wrote in a note to The Sacramento Bee that the plan deserves a public airing.

“An Elk Grove high-end shopping, entertainment convention and hospitality facility is definitely worth considering,” Davis said. “At the end of the day, the tribe has sovereignty and will make their choice.”

Hitchcock told the standing-room-only crowd at Galt’s Chabolla Community Center that the 282-acre site near Twin Cities Road and the Elk Grove mall site are the tribe’s two preferred locations.

Many residents, including a number of business owners, spoke up in favor of the tribe building its casino near Galt, which has struggled economically in the past 10 years.

The city of 24,000 grew by hundreds of homes and several thousand residents as it sprawled along both sides of Highway 99 during last decade’s housing boom. Residents commuted to jobs in Sacramento and Stockton.

Then came the collapse of the housing bubble and a deep recession that started in 2007. Construction stopped, and foreclosures pockmarked the newer neighborhoods. Galt’s quaint, historic downtown, which had received major upgrades through redevelopment funding, became plagued with vacant storefronts.

A major casino resort would inject jobs, money and customers into the local economy, some speakers said.

“Galt is short of a lot of businesses,” LeeAnn McFaddin, vice chairwoman of the Galt Chamber of Commerce, said at Friday’s meeting.

Several city officials expressed concern about the proposal and asked for more time for public comment on the draft environmental impact statement that was the subject of Friday’s meeting. The public comment period ends Feb. 29.

City Attorney Steve Rudolph asked why the tribe needed 282 acres near Galt when much smaller sites were proposed elsewhere.

Some residents worried a casino would add to local traffic and undermine their small town way of life. A few pointed out that Galt had only recently gotten its first Walmart store and wasn’t prepared for the effects of a casino resort.

One speaker, Al Baldwin, said he supported the tribe's bid to build the first Indian casino in Sacramento County but thought it belonged in a nearby community, such as Elk Grove, that might want it more.

"People move here because they don't want all the hustle and bustle," Baldwin said. "This is a great idea 20 minutes away."

Hitchcock said the tribe is aware of the mixed feelings in Galt – another reason why Elk Grove is under consideration, he said.

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Casino proposed for southern Sacramento County prompts hopes, concerns

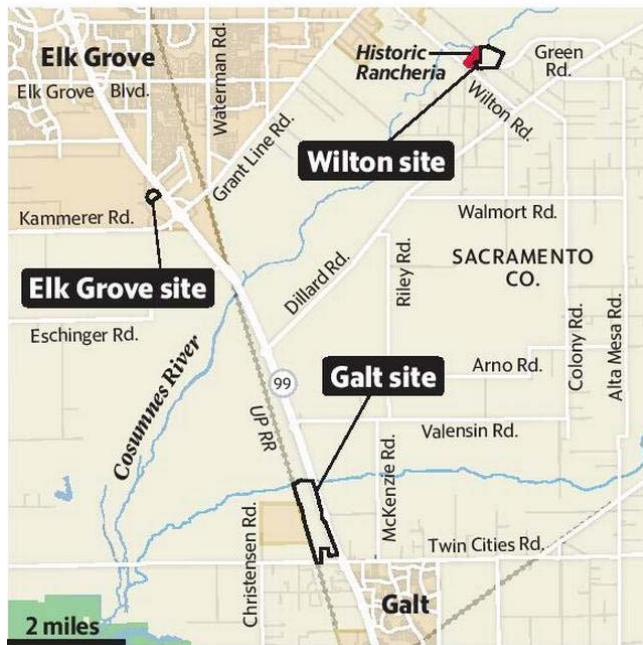
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Proposed sites in Elk Grove, Galt are on busy Highway 99 corridor

Economic benefits for surrounding community are debatable

Proposed casino sites

The Wilton Rancheria is proposing a new casino in south Sacramento County. Its preferred sites are on Highway 99.



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Structures stand unfinished Friday on the site of a never-completed mall project on Promenade Parkway in Elk Grove. The Wilton Rancheria tribe is looking at an adjacent area as a possible site for Sacramento County's first tribal casino. **Manny Crisostomo** mcrisostomo@sacbee.com

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A proposal to build Sacramento County's first tribal casino is stirring up a debate that started when the state's first American Indian bingo parlors opened in the 1980s: Will a new casino benefit the larger community or mainly enrich the tribe that runs it?

Today that question centers on Sacramento County and the cities of Galt, population 24,000, and Elk Grove, home to more than 160,000 residents.

The local Wilton Rancheria tribe had its tribal status and land taken away in the late 1950s. It won back federal recognition as a tribe but not its traditional lands near Wilton, and many of its members are impoverished and unemployed.

The now-landless tribe has identified the two cities in southern Sacramento County as the main places where it would like to acquire tribal land and build a 12-story hotel tower, a convention center and a 110,000-square-foot gambling floor filled with slot machines and table games.

The proposed size of the project puts it in the same league as some of Northern California's largest gambling meccas, including the Thunder Valley Casino Resort near Lincoln, operated by the United Auburn Indian Community.

Galt residents and city officials have voiced mixed emotions, from anti-gambling sentiments to concerns about traffic to eagerness for the hundreds of jobs the project could generate. Elk Grove residents are just starting to understand that a site along Highway 99 adjacent to the city's half-built "ghost mall" now may be the tribe's first choice, partly because of objections in Galt.

The Galt site remains "Alternative A" in the tribe's application for land to the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, said Wilton Rancheria Chairman Raymond "Chuckie" Hitchcock. "But the Elk Grove alternative is an A-minus or maybe even an A-plus," he said.

1,750 The number of full-time jobs proponents say the proposed casino resort would create

Another spot under consideration is the tribe's historic rancheria in rural Wilton, though the tribe no longer owns the lands, and the site is not one of its preferred options.

Hitchcock said the proposed casino resort could generate about 1,750 full-time jobs plus hundreds of construction jobs during a two-year build-out. Those workers would spend their money at local stores, buy homes and cars, and boost the casino's economic benefits through what economists call a multiplier effect.

"It just goes on and on," Hitchcock said.

Residents and local officials have little say in the world of Indian lands and gaming. The federal government controls almost all Native American affairs. But

locals can slow down the process with objections and legal actions. That's why the Wilton Rancheria tribe is looking for a receptive city, where locals see a casino resort as an economic and cultural benefit.

Though it's still early in the planning process, with construction likely years away, the discussion of potential pros and cons is underway in southern Sacramento County.

Silvia Rodriguez, a resident of Elk Grove's Laguna Greens neighborhood, attended a community meeting Thursday night to address a recent rash of gun violence. She said she didn't think a casino would fit with Elk Grove's family-friendly neighborhoods and would only bring more safety problems.

"There needs to be a real economic justification," she said.

Leaders in Elk Grove are just starting to take the casino plan seriously. The city recently posted information about the project on its [website](#), and city planners have begun examining the details, Councilman Steven Detrick said.

"A lot of people think we have the power to say yes or no," Detrick said. "All we can do is say, 'If you guys were to come here, these are the concerns.' "

Potential problems include the need for additional police and fire services and measures to ease traffic congestion, the councilman said.

Tribes enter into revenue-sharing compacts with the state and typically reimburse counties for the negative effects of casino projects. Thunder Valley, for instance, pays Placer County more than \$4 million annually to offset the county's additional law enforcement and fire expenses and \$2 million more in place of lost property taxes. (As sovereign nations, tribes are immune from state and local regulation, including taxes.)

Robert Weygandt, chairman of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, said negotiations with the United Auburn Indian Community began contentiously when the tribe was planning its Thunder Valley casino in the early 2000s, but over time the county-tribe relationship evolved into a respectful one.

The mitigation fees the tribe pays more than offset the county's costs for emergency services and treating problem gamblers, Weygandt said. The casino and its concerts bring in visitors from outside the area who frequent local

businesses, he said. And Thunder Valley employs 2,500 workers, many of whom live in the southern Placer County cities of Lincoln, Rocklin and Roseville.

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Detrick said the casino project could bring five-star restaurants and a luxury hotel to Elk Grove, which lacks such amenities. In the best-case scenario, “it actually becomes a net gain to the city, not a net negative,” he said.

Cheryl Schmit, director of the gambling watchdog group Stand Up for California, said the potential economic effects of a casino are overblown. Tribal enterprises could undermine similar local businesses and take away tax dollars from local governments, she said.

“Your gas stations. Your hotels. Your restaurants. Small businesses operate sometimes on a shoestring,” Schmit said. “It doesn’t take much to take away their market and they’re done.”

Experts say that whether a casino gives an economic boost to its surrounding area often hinges on factors such as the number of out-of-town visitors it draws and how many local residents it employs.

In either Galt or Elk Grove, the Wilton Rancheria project would be near a large local workforce and strategically positioned along Highway 99 between Sacramento and Stockton, and at least a half hour closer to the Bay Area than Thunder Valley and other large area casinos.

In recent years, Alan Mallach studied the effects of casinos on communities as a fellow with the Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, D.C. For a casino to provide economic uplift to its surrounding area, it must pull in new customers and not simply siphon business from nearby casinos, he said.

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Thunder Valley, in southern Placer County, has 2,800 slot machines, a 144,000-square-foot gambling floor, a hotel and a spa, it says. Red Hawk Casino, near the community of Shingle Springs in the foothills of El Dorado County, has an 88,000-square-foot gambling floor and 2,100 slot machines, the website says. And Cache Creek Casino Resort, in rural Yolo County, has a golf course and a 200-room hotel in addition to its 2,400 slot machines.

The Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort in Amador County rounds out the region's four biggest gambling halls.

"There's no denying there's a competitive market here in this region," said Doug Elmets, a spokesman for the United Auburn Indian Community. He said 70 percent of patrons at the tribe's Thunder Valley casino come from the Sacramento region, but that Thunder Valley and other casinos compete for gamblers from the Bay Area by offering amenities such as high-end restaurants and golf courses.

"The mecca for casinos is the San Francisco Bay Area," Elmets said. "That is where the Asian gambler is. It's a key market for casinos all around."

Mallach said the competition for a limited customer base could ultimately harm the capital region's other casinos and undermine the welfare of their host communities. If the Sacramento region's gambling market is already saturated, he said, a new casino might siphon dollars away from established tribal enterprises without generating new sources of revenue.

"The big question is this: Is there an additional casino market in the Bay Area that hasn't been fully tapped by existing casinos?" Mallach said. "If the answer is 'yes,' then it would certainly be a net plus for Sacramento and the Central Valley economy, which needs jobs and growth.

"Otherwise," he said, "you're not creating new wealth. You're just moving money around."

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Wilton Rancheria chooses Elk Grove site for resort, casino

Site of half-built mall off Highway 99 is tribe's preferred location

Howard Hughes Corp. plans outlet mall on remaining portion of parcel

Tribe seeks to take land into trust



The Elk Grove mall site has been idle since 2008, when construction was halted. Howard Hughes Corp. plans to develop an outlet mall at the Highway 99 site. Sacramento

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The Wilton Rancheria announced Thursday that it has chosen the site of a half-built mall in Elk Grove as the preferred location for its planned resort and casino.

The federal Bureau of Indian Affairs will be asked to designate the 35.9-acre parcel along Highway 99 as the preferred alternative in the environmental impact statement, prepared in response to the tribe's application to have the land taken into trust for the project.

"This is an important milestone for the members of Wilton Rancheria, the community of Elk Grove and the region's economy," the tribe's chairman, Raymond C. Hitchcock, said in a written statement. "The resort and casino project will generate approximately 2,000 direct jobs, provide annual revenue for vital services such as police, fire, roads and schools, and support other community needs."

The tribe previously filed an application to take into trust a parcel west of Highway 99, north of Galt. But the more than \$30 million cost of constructing an overpass at Mingo Road "presented an insurmountable economic challenge," Hitchcock said.

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The Howard Hughes Corp., which owns the Elk Grove property, has entered into an option agreement for the sale of land to Wilton Rancheria. The Howard Hughes Corp. plans to build the Outlet Collection at Elk Grove on the remaining portion of the parcel, according to a news release.

The tribe intends to schedule a town-hall-style meeting in Elk Grove to present its plans to the community, solicit comment and respond to questions and concerns. No date has been set for the meeting.

The more than 700 members of the Wilton Rancheria are descendants of the Plains and Sierra Miwok, who lived in the Sacramento Valley. Tribal status was terminated by the federal government in 1959, resulting in the loss of 39 acres of land in Wilton. Tribal status was restored in June 2009.

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BREAKING: Wilton tribe chooses Elk Grove location for \$400 million casino resort project

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The Wilton Rancheria tribe announced Thursday that it wants to build a \$400 million to \$500 million casino, hotel and convention center project at an Elk Grove shopping center complex.

The tribe has signed an option to buy 35.9 acres in The Outlet Collection at Elk Grove, a partially-completed mall on Highway 99 owned by [Howard Hughes Corp.](#)



This rendering shows the casino that the Wilton Rancheria Miwok tribe had proposed at its... [more](#)

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Hughes plans to finish building the retail center, which will include shopping and movie theaters, on the remaining portion of the parcel.

The tribe previously had been working to [develop its casino outside of Galt](#) on a 282-acre swath of farmland next to Highway 99. The Galt site would have required the tribe to build a \$30 million highway overpass, whereas the Elk Grove mall location is already developed with all the necessary infrastructure, roads, power and sewer service for a major traffic attraction, said tribal chairman [Raymond Hitchcock](#).

The cost of development would likely be about the same at either location, he said, but in Elk Grove the project could be completed sooner, making it a better choice.

The tribe is not disclosing the cost of the land at the mall.

The complex will have to fit on 36 acres at the Elk Grove retail center, requiring the construction of a four-story parking garage. The higher price of mall land and to build the garage makes the cost of both projects similar, about \$400 million to \$500 million.

The casino will include 110,260 square feet of slot machines and table games and a 12-story hotel with 302 rooms. It also would include a spa, fitness center, and one of the region's largest convention centers. It would have 2,000 slot machines and table games, along with multiple restaurants.

The tribe's decision to build a casino at the Elk Grove location could be a catalyst for new economic activity on property that's long been a stark reminder of the last recession.

The Outlet Collection at Elk Grove, visible from Highway 99 on the southeastern edge of the city near Kammerer Road, was partially built by a previous developer before the financial crisis of 2008 halted progress. Since then, the complex has remained vacant and unfinished.

[Howard Hughes Corp.](#) has said it will not complete development of the mall until tenants commit to leasing at least 50 percent of the property. The casino does not count toward that percentage.

"The fact that the casino is going there will give it some buzz," Hitchcock said. "That site has sat dormant for 10 years."

The tribe will hold a town hall meeting in the future in Elk Grove to present its plans and to collect feedback and answer questions, he said.

“We look forward to working with Wilton Rancheria and engaging the community around this project,” said Elk Grove Mayor Gary Davis, in a news release. “If the proposed hotel, dining, shopping and entertainment resort comes to our city, it will be adjacent to the planned Outlet Collection at Elk Grove and, together, they could create a powerful engine for economic growth.”

Wilton Rancheria’s casino plan is in the federal environmental review process, with a final environmental impact report expected to be released in July.

With timely approvals, the tribe would like to begin construction in January, Hitchcock said.

After the tribe exercises its option to buy the 35.9 acres in Elk Grove, the federal government would put it into trust, in essence making it tribal sovereign land and eligible to host gaming.

The tribe’s rancheria is located on 39 acres in the unincorporated community of Wilton in southeastern Sacramento County. Federal authorities first acquired the land for the Wilton Miwok tribe in 1928, but then terminated the rancheria’s tribal status in 1959.

Miwok leaders fought for years to regain federal tribal status before succeeding in 2009. The rancheria land is in the floodplain of the Cosumnes River and outside of Sacramento County’s urban services area, where there's little infrastructure. That land was decided not to be a good match for high-traffic casino operations.

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Plans for \$400M casino move forward in Elk Grove

Casino will be next to outlet mall that is under construction

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ELK GROVE, Calif. (KCRA)—A multi-million dollar casino has been given the green light to develop in Elk Grove.

The Wilton Rancheria tribe announced Thursday it is buying 36 acres of land off of Highway 99 and Grant Line Road after previous plans to break ground in neighboring Galt fell through due to environmental concerns and pushback from the agricultural community.

“When you look at Elk Grove, the overcrossing is done, water and waste water connections and infrastructure is already there,” Wilton Rancheria Chairman Raymond C. Hitchcock said. “So, it made it kind of a no-brainer at that point.”

Hitchcock estimates the casino will cost upwards of \$400 million. The 12-story resort will have 302 rooms, as well as 2,000 gaming machines and a 30,000-square-foot space for events.

“When you have a project of this size, it’s a huge economic generator,” Hitchcock said. “And, that money travels around six or seven times. It’s a multiplier effect. It will be huge.”

Wilton Rancheria has signed an option agreement to buy the land from Howard Hughes Corporation, but has not actually purchased the land.

Howard Hughes is currently transforming a long-time construction eyesore into a retail outlet mall with dining and entertainment. The casino would be next door.

The tribe estimates 2,000 full-time jobs will be created, as well as an additional 2,000 jobs during the construction timeline of 12 to 18 months.

“The city of Elk Grove will benefit, the county of Sacramento will benefit, and the tribe will benefit as well,” Hitchcock said. “We’ll be able to help serve and support our community on top of that.”

Wilton Rancheria tribe has more than 700 members. Hitchcock said the average income is around \$20,000 a year.

“Our tribe has been here for hundreds of years, and now have an opportunity to do something great, so we are looking forward to that partnership,” said Hitchcock, adding that contributions would include community partnerships and mitigation fees.

The city of Elk Grove has yet to publicly weigh in. Hitchcock said because of a Memorandum of Understanding, the tribe technically can move forward regardless of the city’s stance.

“We don’t want to force ourselves somewhere. We want the community support,” Hitchcock said.

The tribe said a town hall meeting is currently being planned to address any concerns.